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SUBJECT: BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ASKS THAT " NATIONAL FOUNDATION" BE GIVEN TASKS IN BERCN

- 1. A JOINT RESOLUTION, INITIATED BY CDU, WAS PASSED BY BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JANUARY 13, URGING SENAT TO ENCOURAGE FEDERAL AND LAENDER AUTHORITIES TO ENSURE THAT "GERMAN NATIONAL FOUNDATION" WILL HAVE TASKS IN BERLIN. SPD AND CDU CAUCUSES ALSO VOTED FOR RESOLUTION.
- 2. RESOLUTION STATED THAT BERLIN SHOULD BECOME THE SEAT OF FOUNDATION, AND SPEAKERS FOR ALL THREE CAUCUSES AGREED THAT BERLIN IS ONLY LOGICAL LOCATION FOR SUCH A NATIONAL INSTITUTION.
- 3. SPEAKING FOR SENAT, SENATOR FOR FEDERAL AFFAIRS STOBBE REFERRED TO COMPLICATED FEDERAL AND LAENDER COMPETENCES IN FIELD OF CULTURAL POLICY AND EXPRESSED HSI FEAR THAT FURTHER DELAY WOULD RESULT IN "FEDERALLY ORIENTED" SOLUTION TO NATIONAL FOUNDATION QUESTION. STOBBE ADDED THAT IT WAS UNNECESSARY TO ESTABLISH FOUNDATION IN BERLIN MERELY AS MEANS OF USING QA POSSIBILITIES. CDU CAUCUS UNCLASSIFIED

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LEADER HEINRICH LUMMER STRESSED THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF FOUNDATION IN BERLIN WOULD BE IMPORTANT PRECEDENT.

4. ALL SPEAKERS AGREED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO FURTHER DELAY ON MATTER. ONLY FDP LEFT WING DEPUTY ROLOFF VOTED AGAINST RESOLUTION BECAUSE FOUNDATION " DOES NOT SERVE CULTURAL DEMOCRATIZATION".

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